# U.S. Route 34 Planning Process

Study Area - Existing Roads

Final Study Alternative

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# City A City C + Cemeter

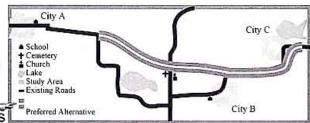
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#### City C ▲ School Cemetery Study Area - Existing Roads Preliminary Alternatives City B City A City C ▲ School + Cemetery ♣ Church

## Select Final Study Alternatives

- Refine Alignment Studies
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City B

#### Identify Preferred Alternative

- Refine Alignment
- Perform Detailed Engineering Studies
- Prepare Preliminary Draft EIS & Design Report
- Public Meeting 1999

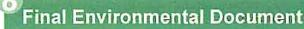


- Gather Comments on Draft EIS
- Discuss Right-of-Way Needs



#### Final Engineering Design Report







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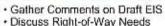
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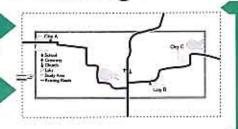
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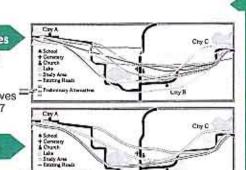


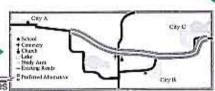


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## Questions/Comments

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## Review the Report

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement and the Draft Design Report are available at the following locations for public review and comment. Comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement by May 13, 2002, will be considered before finalizing the report.

Warren County Public Library 62 West Side Plaza Monmouth, Illinois Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Kirkwood Branch Library 134 South Kirk Kirkwood, Illinois Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Burlington Public Library 501 North Fourth Street Burlington, Iowa Hours: M-F 8 a.m. -5 p.m.

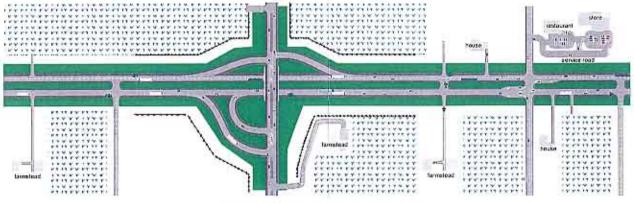
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### PUBLIC HEARING

# U.S. ROUTE 34

# Gulfport to Monmouth

Thursday, April 18, 2002 Biggsville, Illinois



#### TYPICAL RURAL EXPRESSWAY

#### Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

Welcome to the public hearing for the location study of U.S. Route 34 from Gulfport to Monmouth.

Information available tonight includes the preferred location of a proposed four-lane expressway from Carman Road to U.S. Route 67, as well as recommendations for improvements to the Monmouth northwest expressway. The map on the inside of this handout shows the basic location of the improvement. Property acquisition and relocation information is also available.

Also available is a Draft Environmental Impact Statement which discusses the purpose of the proposed project, the alternatives that were considered, and the impacts to the human and natural resources of the preferred alternative. This document is available for public review and comment.

Please feel free to ask questions tonight and provide written comments on the enclosed form.

#### **Project Objectives**

The purpose of the location study is to determine the most appropriate location for a new and/or upgraded highway from Carman Road in Gulfport to east of Monmouth. The objectives for this project have been identified as:

Travel Safety - reduce potential for accidents by providing flatter curves and hills, wider shoulders and passing lanes, and by otherwise upgrading the existing highway.

System Continuity - provide a roadway similar to the facilities being constructed just west of Carman Road and east of Monmouth, making the entire section of U.S. Route 34 between Galesburg and the Iowa border a four-lane roadway.

System Capacity - provide a roadway system that adequately handles the volumes of current, future, local and through traffic, allowing for free-flowing movements for motorists.



# —PUBLIC HEARING

#### **Factors Considered** In Selecting The Preferred Alternative

Numerous alignments were assessed to see how well they minimized impacts to the natural and human environment and if they met the transportation and engineering objectives. Factors evaluated included:

Agricultural Resources - prime and important farmland, severances and operational/production issues.

Cultural Resources - archaeological sites or historic sites and structures

Natural Resources - wetlands, parks, floodplains, threatened and endangered species, wildlife habitat

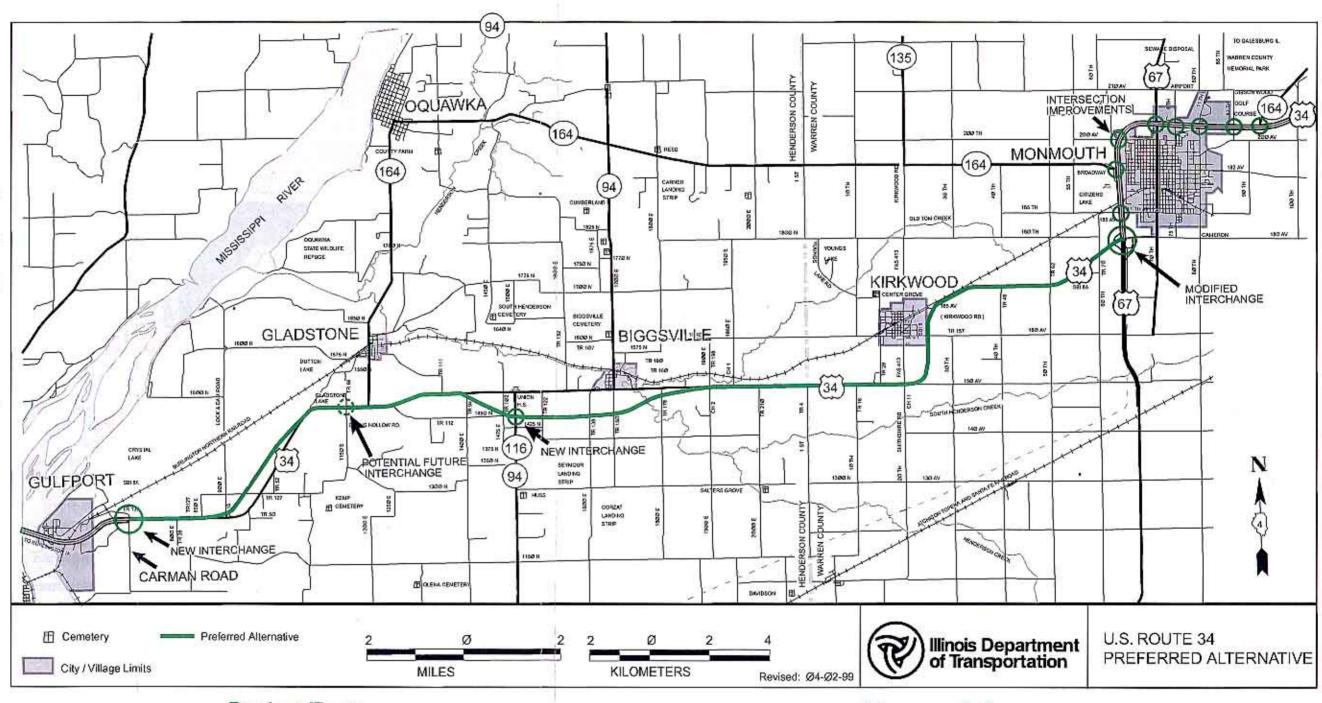
Socio-Economic Issues displacements/relocations, property values, land use, tax base changes, community values, noise

Engineering Feasibility topography, hills, curves, intersections/interchanges, drainage, bridges

Traffic Accommodation - local and through trips, access, adverse travel, origin and destination

Safety - accident rates, system efficiency

Cost - construction cost, land acquisition cost, utility relocation cost and maintenance cost



## **Project Facts**

- ◆ 25 miles of 4-lane expressway improvements
- New interchange at Carman Road
- Access provided at at-grade intersections
- A modified interchange will be provided at the current U.S. 67/US 34 interchange.
- ♦ New interchange at IL 116/94

#### Monmouth Improvements

As part of the location study, several options have been explored along U.S. 34 in Monmouth. The preferred alternative includes upgrading the existing intersections to facilitate more efficient movement of traffic on the existing expressway. Maps showing the upgrades are on display at the public hearing. The following intersections will be upgraded.

- ♦ 11th Avenue (185th Avenue) ♦ Broadway Avenue ♦ Harlem Avenue

6th Street

- 11th Street
- \* 87th Street
- ♦ IL 164 (northeast)